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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

"GLENBAGLES".

Captain J. Sommerville will be appointed as above on or about TUESDAY, the 16th inst.

This steamer has superior accommodation for

Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. 1773

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND

HAMBURG.

Taking Cargo at Hongkong to ANTWERP,

AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON,

LIVERPOOL, and BREMEN.

THE Steamship

"BELLONA".

Captain R. Scherzer will be despatched for the

above Ports on FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at

noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. H. JENSEN & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. 1774

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MAITIQUES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAMSHIP

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, CO-

LOMBO, AGEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK

SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF

BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;

LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th February,

1892, at noon, the Company's Steamship

"SAGHATIL" Commandant Holmey, with

Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave

the Port for the above places.

On or about the 26th, will be registered for London

as well as for Marquette, and accepted in

transit through Marquette for the principal

Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon,

Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 23rd

February. (Parcels not to be sent on board;

Specie not at the Agency's Office.)

Consignments and Values of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Com-

pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent,

Hongkong, 11th February, 1892. 1782

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-

HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at

the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Peader's

Street, on THURSDAY, the 10th proximo, at

10 a.m., to receive a Statement of Accounts to

the 31st December, 1891, the Report of the General

Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY

will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th

proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. W. MATTISON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1892. 1783

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST."

BY Special request the COMMITTEE of

the A.D.C. have decided to give an AN-

OTHER PERFORMANCE of the above

PANTOMIME on

SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY,

at 9 a.m.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. LANE,

CRAWFORD & CO. and after Monday, Feb.

18th.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1892. 1784

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

TUESDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1892,

at his SALES ROOM, QUEEN'S ROAD,

SUNDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY,

FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising—

LEATHER COVERED SUITE

MARBLE-TOP CENTRE and SIDE TA-

ABLES, CUPINNE, MIRRORS and PIC-

TURES, CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.

DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with

Glass Back, DINNER WAGGONS, CROCK-

ERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, VIEN-

NA CHAISES, WRITING TABLES, and

BOOK CASES.

DOUBLES and SINGLE IRON BED-

STEELS, DOBBINS and SINGLE WARD-

ROBES, WARDROBES with Glass Doors,

CHEST of DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE

and WASH-STANDS.

One Iron Frame COTTAGE PIANO, by

Chappell.

One SEWING MACHINE and STAND,

etc., &c.

TEAMS of SAIL-*A*—a carriage,

F. M. ARTHURSON,

Anticiser.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1892. 1785

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the 18th,

19th and 20th inst., they being RACE

DAYS, this OFFICE will be OPENED at 9 a.m.

and CLOSSED at 12 noon, but work at the

OPUM EXAMINATION HALL and the

CUSTOMS STATIONS will be carried on as usual.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,

Commissioner of Customs

for Kowloon and District.

Custome House,

Kowloon, 11th February, 1892. 1786

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in

the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14, Praya

Central, on MONDAY, the 29th FEBRUARY, at

10 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the

Report of the Directors, and a Statement of

Accounts to 31st December, 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1892. 1787

NOTICE OF FIRM.

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MY SON, HENRY HUMPHREYS, was

admitted into Partnership with me on

the 1st day of JUNE, 1892.

J. H. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. 1788

NOTICE OF FIRM.

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STEAM FOR HALIFAX,

Taking Passengers for Halifax and cargo for

TORONTO and QUINN.

THE Company's Steamship

"POKIE."

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above

Ports, 12th inst., at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. 1789

NOTICE.

A WOMAN OF MEANS.

By ARTHUR SERGEANT.

"There's nothing else to be done, Geoff; you must marry a woman of means, or the old place will fall about our ears."

This speech had hushed Geoff's mind ever since it was first uttered; and he could not get rid of it, nor could he afford to abandon himself to the soul-destroying influence of a woman, of the soft strains of the best string band in Cairo, and the conviction that the practical girl in the place was in dangerous proximity to him. "He is dead, now, after hearing Sir Arthur's speech; that is, if possible, 'marry money,' and it did not occur to him that he should do so, seeing that he was young, handsome, well-bred, and the possessor in *factu* of a title. The baronetcy was an old one, and Sir Arthur's house was of indescribable beauty inside; but money early wanted to keep him in the place, and, therefore, the son had but reluctantly himself to agree, as his father had suggested—"a woman of means."

It was more through accident than design that he was spending a winter in Egypt. He had gone to the inland resort from England in Cairo in November, and had been in the care of the semi-Easters Jafar had left behind him. He looked at the Pyramids, he rode on donkeys, he frequented the Cairo bazaars, he went to big English parties at the Consulate and elsewhere, and he liked it all. There was nothing of his going up the Nile with a friend that was not done to the full; he was a deadly serious; for, beyond the Nile, the month of December was over, he had apparently met his fate, or in his friend Grand's more colloquial speech, "was booked," and "as good for anything." The person who had worked this miracle was the same widow, a Mrs. Englefield, who had taken him to Cairo for the winter.

She was fair, young, and not so young as Geoff might have wished her to be; she was pretty; she was fashionable as far as her lights permitted; and she was undeniably rich. Oh yes, she was rich. Her frocks all came from Paris, her household of Arabic servants as well as English maid and cook, and she had taken him to Cairo, who had brought her a card, with the information that a strange gentleman was in the white saloon—a little rose generally used by card-slayers, but not present ungenerally by guests. Mrs. Englefield gave a little scream, as her eyes ran over the card. She gasped, "I see now! I've given a good bit to have Stephen here just now. I had soon settle affairs for all three of us."

Stephen at the door averted his eyes. The French maid had brought her a card, with the name of the watchful Stephen had caught a sentence which she did not altogether understand.

"Stephen, Stephen, I thought you were dead."

Half-an-hour later, when Geoff was gloomily pulling his moustache in a dark corner of the restaurant, and wondering whether he had not better go back to his hotel, the quick tap at his door had been followed by Mrs. Englefield.

"All in the dark, dear boy! The moonlight is jolly, isn't it? Is there a chair in that corner? All right, I've set us down, and you come here—close to me; I've something awfully important to talk to you about."

The words were repeated so loudly that two or three waiters in the restaurant, who had been listening to the conversation, had burst into his retreat; had been followed by Mrs. Englefield.

"I'm sorry to hear it, Kate."

"I'm sure you will be when you know what it is. Though you won't be so much disgruntled as I am if a man would be; you aren't married."

"I'm not; I've been a chit of my own for years."

"I've been lost; he'll tell you how, if you like to know."

But of course this alters everything; and so I'm going to give you back your word; it would be real mean of us to expect you to marry me now."

There was just one moment's pause. Then Geoff spoke.

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